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ARKANSAS, JOPLIN, LEBANON, CARL JUNCTION FELONS INDICTED FOR ILLEGAL FIREARMS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a four felons were indicted by a federal grand jury today, in separate and unrelated cases, for illegally possessing firearms.

* **Daniel K. Trentham**, 43, of Berryville, Ark., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield with being a felon in possession of two firearms.

The federal indictment alleges that **Trentham** was in possession of a Beretta .25-caliber pistol and a Ruger .45-caliber revolver on May 28, 2005, in Barry County, Mo. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. According to the indictment, **Trentham** has a 1995 criminal felony conviction for possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, residential burglary, breaking and entering and making a terroristic threat.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Angela C. Hasty. It was investigated by the Missouri State Water Patrol and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **William L. Clark**, 27, of Joplin, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield with being a felon and unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Clark** was in possession of a Marlin .22-caliber rifle on Dec. 13, 2004, in Newton County, Mo. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. According to the indictment, **Clark** has a 1999 criminal felony conviction for receiving stolen property. The federal indictment also alleges that **Clark** was an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm

when he possessed the Marlin .22-caliber rifle on Dec. 13, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any addict or user of a controlled substance to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. The indictment alleges **Clark** was a user of methamphetamine.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Angela C. Hasty. It was investigated by the Newton County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Aaron A. Anderson**, 32, of Lebanon, Mo., was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield with being a felon in possession of several firearms.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Anderson** was in possession of a Marlin .22-caliber rifle on July 12, 2004, in Laclede County, Mo. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. According to the indictment, **Anderson** has a 1992 criminal felony conviction for burglary and stealing.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Anderson** was a felon in possession of a Springfield .45-caliber pistol, a Springfield .22-caliber rifle, a Norinco SKS rifle and a Ruger .22-caliber rifle on July 23, 2004, in Laclede County, Mo.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Angela C. Hasty. It was investigated by the Laclede County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Lewis Hill**, 24, of Carl Junction, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Lewis** was in possession of a Bryco Arms .22-caliber pistol on May 5, 2005, in Jasper County, Mo. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. According to the indictment, **Lewis** has a 2000 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Angela C. Hasty. It was investigated by the Joplin, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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